

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of September 12, 2005**

1. **Town Hall Meeting on Gang Activities:** The need for financial support and personal involvement in youth mentoring and other extracurricular youth programs were identified as important elements in the control of gangs. The Town Hall meeting, organized by Chief Creamer at the request of Councilmember Doug Barry, brought together a multijurisdictional panel of law enforcement officials and prosecutors. A second Town Hall meeting focusing on community strategies will be scheduled in October. *(Police)*
2. **Takoma Metro Meeting Held:** WMATA and Eakin/Youngtob and Associates (EYA) held a meeting in Takoma Park Thursday evening to present EYA's proposed development plan for the Takoma Metro site. About 45 persons attended and the meeting was broadcast (and will be rebroadcast through September and October) on Takoma Park City TV, Channel 13. The developer plans to file plans for Planned Unit Development (PUD) and for Historic Preservation Review Board approval in about four to six weeks. These District of Columbia review processes are estimated to take from six to nine months. Two WMATA Compact public hearings will probably occur in early to mid November. These hearings allow DC and Maryland residents to comment on the impact of the proposed development on transit services. Information will be posted on the City's web site as details are learned. *(Community & Government Liaison)*
3. **Touch a Truck...This Saturday!** For all those who love trucks! Check out the Takoma Park Recreation Department and Public Works Touch A Truck, featuring a Bobcat, street sweeper, dump truck, trash truck, fire truck and many others. Step inside each monster truck and dig it! This program is geared towards children ages 1-6. The first 175 truckers get a construction hat. September 17, 2005 at Public Works Garage Area, Oswego Avenue. 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Park at Heffner Community Center, 42 Oswego Avenue or on Ritchie Avenue Near the Public Works Gate. A short reception to follow at Heffner Community Center. Light refreshments will be served. Rain date is Sunday, September 18, at 1 p.m. If unsure about weather, please call 301-891-7101, x5605. *(Recreation)*
4. **Street Restoration (Ward 6):** Concrete curb replacement was begun on Glenside Drive from Jackson to New Hampshire Avenue. Lockney Avenue and Kennewick Avenue were resurfaced on Tuesday. *(Public Works)*
5. **E-Cycle Event Scheduled:** The City will be holding the annual electronics recycling event on Saturday, November 12 from 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Municipal Building parking lot behind the Library. Flyers have been distributed to the neighborhood organizations. Information is listed on the City webpage and cable station and will be in the October and November Newsletter. *(Public Works)*
6. **Thanks City TV!** The City's cable staff have put in a particularly demanding week, with all day coverage of Sunday's Folk Festival, and coverage of Monday's Council Meeting, Wednesday's Town Hall Meeting on Gang Activity, and Thursday's long meeting on the Takoma Metro development. If you see one of the crew awake, please give that person a pat on the back for a job well done! *(Community & Government Liaison)*

7. **Condo Conversion Legislation:** State Senator Sharon Grosfeld, representing District 18 in Montgomery County, is submitting a request for legislation to help communities regulate condominium conversion in certain situations as a step in preserving affordable housing. Thank you, Senator Grosfeld! (*Community & Government Liaison*)
8. **WAH Office Space:** Park and Planning staff are reviewing plans for a medical office building at the corner of Flower Avenue and Arliss Street. This 3-story, 57,000 square foot building is part of Washington Adventist Hospital's efforts to provide more medical office space. No date has yet been set by the Planning Board for consideration of the Site Plan application. Mary Beth O'Quinn is the Park and Planning staff person for review of the project. She can be reached at 301-495-1322. Copies of the plans will be distributed to City Councilmembers. (*Community & Government Liaison*)
9. **Police at the Folk Festival:** The COP Team, along with Chief Creamer and Ms. Dean (victim/witness service coordinator) attended the Folk Festival, fingerprinting more than 100 children. Lieutenant Cipperly and Officer Atwell also worked the Folk Festival. Another finger-printing for identification session is scheduled for September 24, 1 - 4 p.m. at the Our Lady of Sorrows Gymnasium, 1010 Larch Avenue, Takoma Park. On Sept. 13, Sgt. Gilbert and Ofc. Smith took senior residents of 7051 Carroll Avenue to the MVA to obtain identification cards. The COP team also provided traffic direction during the back-to-school night at Takoma Middle School Thursday evening. (*Police*)
10. **Police Officers in Sports:** Sgt. Gilbert reports with pleasure the Thursday win of the Blair High School Junior Varsity football team, for which he serves as an assistant coach. He and Officer Butler began work with Blair sports program this summer, attending a sports camp there, which received praise at Tuesday night's town hall meeting on gangs. (*Police*)
11. **Police Promotions:** Promotions announced this week include that of Tyrone Collington to sergeant. He will transfer from patrol to the Criminal Investigation unit, where he had served for three years. Ofc. Tina Smith and Nick Carter were promoted to corporal; each will stay in their current assignments, the COP team and patrol squad 1 respectively. All three candidates were selected from the "well qualified" category of the eligibility list posted in July. (*Police*)
12. **Crime Report:** Detectives this week arrested a 19-year-old student at Montgomery College on a charge of visual surveillance with prurient interest (similar to a Peeping Tom charge and crime). Investigation continues into possible related crimes. In a separate incident, a Silver Spring man was arrested for third- and fourth-degree sex offenses and child abuse for events that occurred between October 2004 and August 2005. The suspect was a known individual to the victims' family. (*Police*)
13. **Weed & Seed Actions:** Patrol officers will be working an overtime detail, through the Weed & Seed program, in the Flower and Maple Avenues area focusing on traffic enforcement and foot and bike patrol. In regular traffic enforcement and details more than about 90 stops were conducted with about three-quarters resulting in citations written. About one-third were conducted on New Hampshire and University, with other on Carroll, Maple, Philadelphia, Piney Branch, Flower and a number of side streets. (*Police*)

14. **The Move:** Preparation for moving to the new Police Department space continues. Administrative Services has arranged for rerouting and connection of antennas to the new Communications Dispatch office on October 3. (*Police*)